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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Administration**  
**SUBJECT : Status of Overseas Base Commanders**

**25 January 1956**

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1. In your memorandum to me of 18 January on the above subject you inquire whether a Detachment Commander is to be considered as a Chief of Station or a Chief of Base (as these terms are used in referring to "Agency" organization).

2. It is my understanding that an Officer is classified as Chief of Base if he reports to Headquarters through a Chief of Station in the field but as a Chief of Station if he reports directly to Headquarters. Under this interpretation our Detachment Commanders will be Chiefs of Station. I have discussed this matter with the DD/S who confirms my understanding and agrees that the Chief of Station status is appropriate.

**RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.**  
**Project Director**

**cc: Deputy Project Director**

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